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## CALIFORNIA CATTLE ON FEED

Cattle and calves on feed for slaughter in California feedlots totaled 440 thousand head on November 1, 2000, 5 percent above last month and 11 percent above November 1999. During October, placements of 76.0 thousand head were 13 percent above the previous year. Marketings of 49.0 thousand head were 4 percent above October 1999. Other disappearance totaled 7.00 thousand head.

pounds were 755 thousand, 700-799 pounds were 531 thousand, and 800 pounds and greater were 477 thousand. Marketings of fed cattle during October totaled 1.92 million, 4 percent above 1999 and 8 percent above 1998. Other disappearance totaled 66.0 thousand during October, 17 percent below 1999, but 27 percent above 1998.

## U.S. CATTLE ON FEED UP 3 PERCENT

Cattle and calves on feed for slaughter market in the United States for 1,000+ capacity feedlots totaled 11.9 million head on November 1, 2000. The inventory was 3 percent above November 1, 1999 and 10 percent above November 1, 1998. Placements in feedlots during October totaled 2.83 million, 9 percent below 1999 and slightly below 1998. Net placements were 2.76 million. During October, placements of cattle and calves weighing less than 600 pounds were 1.07 million, 600-699

## CATTLE ON FEED UP 4 PERCENT IN THE HISTORIC SEVEN-MONTHLY STATES

Cattle on feed in the historic seven states for 1,000+ capacity feedlots totaled 10.2 million on November 1, up 4 percent from the previous year and 11 percent above November 1, 1998. Placements in feedlots during October totaled 2.39 million, 9 percent below 1999 and slightly below 1998. Marketings during October totaled 1.65 million, 5 percent above 1999 and 7 percent above 1998. Other disappearance during October was 50.0 thousand head, 21 percent below 1999, but 11 percent above 1998.

## CATTLE AND CALVES ON FEED IN 1,000+ CAPACITY FEEDLOTS FOR THE SEVEN-SELECTED STATES

State	Number on feed October 1 1/			Placed During October		Marketed During October	
	1999	2000	2000/1999	1999	2000	1999	2000
	Thousand Head						
Arizona	208	272	131	48	42	15	21
California	380	420	111	67	76	47	49
Colorado	1,070	1,170	109	360	290	205	205
Iowa	315	340	108	84	99	53	57
Kansas	2,250	2,300	102	570	550	390	415
Nebraska	1,900	2,100	111	690	660	330	370
Texas	2,670	2,900	109	810	670	530	530
Seven-State Total	8,793	9,502	108	2,629	2,387	1,570	1,647
State	Other Disappearance During October 2/		Number on Feed November 1		2000/1999		
	1999	2000	1999	2000			
	Thousand Head					Percent	
Arizona	2	1	239	292	122		
California	5	7	395	440	111		
Colorado	5	5	1,220	1,250	102		
Iowa	1	2	345	380	110		
Kansas	20	15	2,410	2,420	100		
Nebraska	10	10	2,250	2,380	106		
Texas	20	10	2,930	3,030	103		
Seven-State Total	63	50	9,789	10,192	104		

1/ Cattle and calves on feed are animals being fed for slaughter market on grain or other concentrates, and are expected to produce a carcass that will grade select or better.

2/ Includes death losses, movement from feedlot to pastures and shipments to other feedlots for further feeding.

## CALIFORNIA COMMERCIAL SLAUGHTER

California's production of red meat during October 2000 totaled 97.1 million pounds (dressed weight), up 9 percent from last month and 9 percent above October 1999. This figure includes slaughter in Federally-inspected and State-inspected plants, but excludes slaughter done on farms. In October 2000, the average live weight of cattle slaughtered was 1,243 pounds; calves, 155 pounds; and hogs 222 pounds.

## U.S. COMMERCIAL SLAUGHTER BEEF AND RED MEAT PRODUCTION SET RECORD HIGHS VEAL, LAMB & MUTTON SET RECORD LOWS

Commercial red meat production for the United States totaled 4.10 billion pounds in October, up 2 percent from the 4.00 billion pounds produced in October 1999 and up slightly less than 2 percent from the previous record high for October set in 1998.

October 1999 contained 21 weekdays (including one holiday) and five Saturdays. October 2000 contained 22 weekdays (including one holiday) and four Saturdays

Beef production, at 2.35 billion pounds, was 4 percent above the previous year and 2 percent higher than the previous record high for October set in 1997. Cattle slaughter totaled 3.14 million head, up 2 percent from 1999. The average live weight was up 17 pounds from the previous year to 1,231 pounds.

Veal production totaled 18.0 million pounds, 2 percent below the previous record low for October set a year ago. Calf slaughter totaled 97.0 thousand head, down 7 percent from October 1999. The average live weight, at 311 pounds, was 13 pounds above last year.

Pork production totaled 1.72 billion pounds, up 1 percent from the previous year. Hog kill totaled 8.88 million head, 1 percent below 1999. The average live weight was 262 pounds, 3 pounds above the previous year.

Lamb and mutton production, at 18.0 million pounds, was down 6 percent from the previous record low for October set in 1999. Sheep slaughter totaled 279 thousand head, 9 percent below last year. The average live weight was 134 pounds, up 4 pounds from October a year ago.

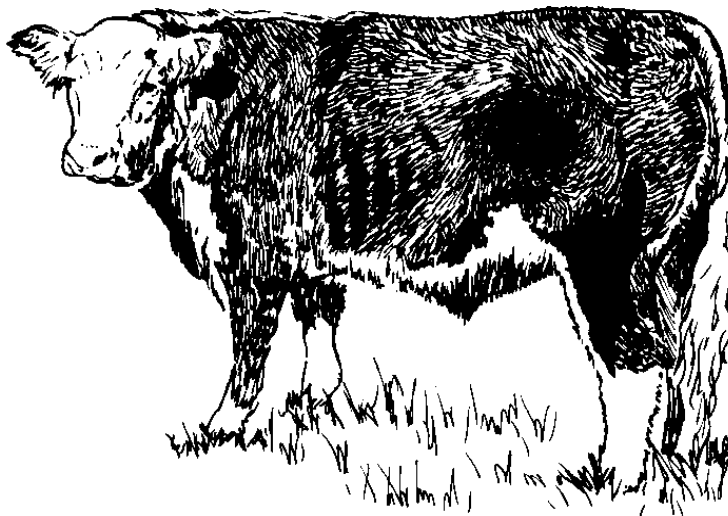
January - October red meat production was 38.6 billion pounds, 1 percent higher than the comparable figure a year earlier. Accumulated beef production was 2 percent higher than last year, veal was down 3 percent, pork was down 2 percent, and lamb & mutton was down 4 percent.

### OCTOBER COMMERCIAL SLAUGHTER 1/

Species and Location	Number Slaughtered		Total Live Weight		Average Live Weight	
	1999	2000	1999	2000	1999	2000
	Thousand Head		Thousand Pounds		Pounds	
<b>CATTLE</b>						
California	86.2	93.5	107,849	116,245	1,251	1,243
U.S. Total	3,094.2	3,141.5	3,754,963	3,867,280	1,214	1,231
<b>CALVES</b>						
California	13.0	10.1	1,898	1,562	146	155
U.S. Total	104.6	97.1	31,114	30,241	298	311
<b>SHEEP &amp; LAMBS</b>						
California	---	---	---	---	---	---
U.S. Total	304.9	278.7	39,769	37,306	130	134
<b>HOGS</b>						
California	192.8	204.8	41,275	45,528	214	222
U.S. Total	8,943.2	8,881.0	2,316,042	2,328,946	259	262
<b>RED MEAT</b>	October 1999	September 2000 2/	October 2000	Oct. 00 Oct. 99	Oct. 00 Sept.00	
	Million Pounds			Percent		
	California	89.1	88.8	97.1	109	109
	U.S. Total	4,000.7	3,861.1	4,097.2	102	106

1/ Farm slaughter excluded.

2/ Revised U.S. total.



**AVERAGE FARM PRICES RECEIVED BY FARMERS, CALIFORNIA AND U.S. 1/**

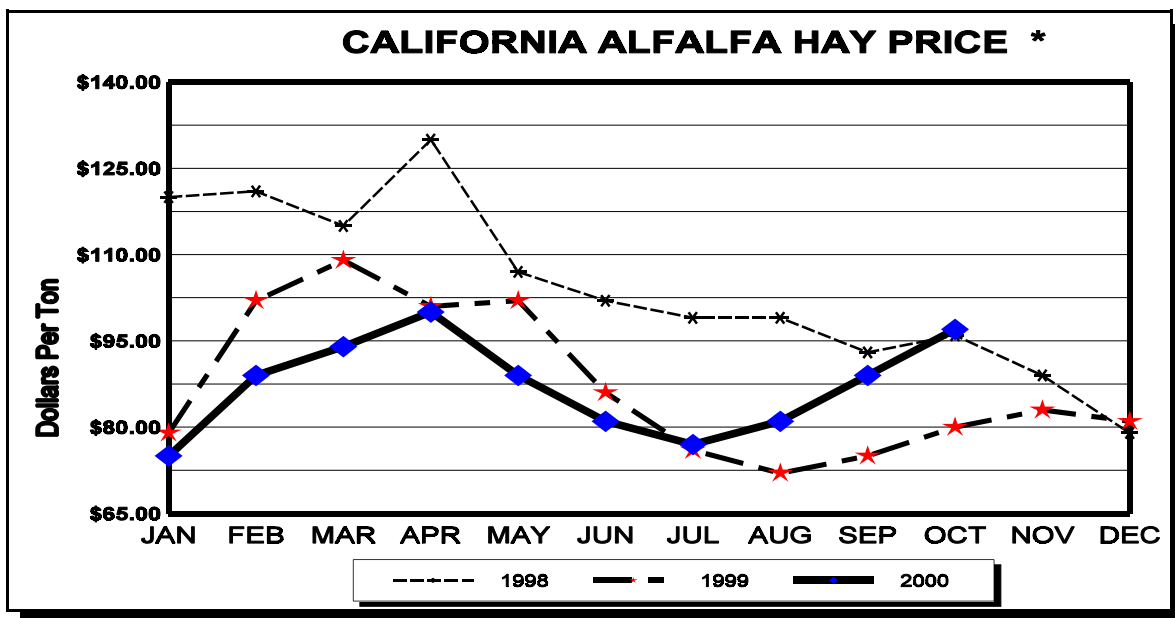
Commodity	Unit	CALIFORNIA			UNITED STATES		
		October 1999	Sept. 2000	Oct. 15, 2000	October 1999	Sept. 2000	Oct. 15, 2000
		Dollars					
All Hay, Baled 2/	Ton	77.00	87.00	94.00	76.10	82.70	85.20
Alfalfa, Baled 2/	Ton	80.00	89.00	97.00	79.40	87.20	89.70
Hogs 2/ 3/	Cwt.	---	---	---	34.20	41.50	42.60
Cows 2/	Cwt.	33.00	35.00	34.00	33.80	37.20	35.70
Steers and Heifers 2/	Cwt.	67.00	67.00	70.00	70.10	68.60	69.80
Calves 2/	Cwt.	80.00	91.50	92.50	91.90	103.00	103.00
Sheep 2/	Cwt.	27.00	28.50	---	26.40	30.30	---
Lambs 2/	Cwt.	73.00	79.00	---	72.60	80.80	---
Milk Cows 4/	Head	1,470.00	---	1,480.00	1,380.00	---	1,350.00
Milk, Wholesale 2/	Cwt.	13.61	11.99	11.60	14.90	12.80	12.60

1/ The estimated prices in the table represent composite average prices received by farmers and are averages for all grades, classes, and methods of sale of each commodity for the State and U.S. as a whole.

2/ Previous month revised to monthly average.

3/ Prices include barrows, gilts, and sows.

4/ Animals sold for dairy herd replacement only. Prices published January, April, July and October.



\* Includes All Qualities

Source: California Agricultural Statistic Service